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BUT MUSIC VIDEO MODEL EMILY RATAJKOWSKI ALSO HAS HER MIND SET ON A SERIOUS ACTING CAREER

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Brian McKeever of Canada, left, celebrates his gold medal in men's cross country one kilometre sprint, visually impaired event at the 2014 Winter Paralympic, Wednesday. McKeever fell 200 metres into the race but came back to win the race. See story page 26. DMITRY LOVETSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Groups call for plan on violence against women

NAP. Researcher says feds do not recognize a gender component in violence

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Violence against women is a

prominent topic of discussion in Ottawa these days and voices are rising to be heard at the national level.

The case for a National Action Plan (NAP) on Violence Against Women was made at a panel discussion involving researchers and women's support groups Wednesday. The Canadian Network of Women's Shelters and Transitions Houses initiated a report on the existing policies and legislation to find out how they could be impacted by the development of a national legislature on violence against women.

"The timeliness could not be more uncanny," said Pamela Kapoor, co-author of the report, referring to the latest events at the University of Ottawa surrounding rape culture. Holly Johnson, who is a professor there, did research for the report and suggested that a NAP would "focus on coherence policies that work together."

"The appeal of a NAP is to hold the government accountable," said Leighann Burns, Director of Harmony House. She argued that one of the biggest obstacles for policy-makers is that they are subject to the whims of whichever party is in power at the federal level.

Johnson stated that although some provincial policies acknowledge gendered violence, the federal government does not recognize a gender component in violence.

'Gender neutral terms are not necessarily more encompassing but are more problematic," added Yamikani Msosa, public education coordinator at the Sexual Assault Support Centre of Ottawa.

"There has been a systematic deconstruction of the autonomous women's movement in Canada," said Burns. She stated that the divide between federal and provincial policy does not allow for the effective implementation of social resources and support services.

"Rather than making progress on this we've actually been regressing," said Burns.

The panelists also spoke to the need for versatility in a NAP to address marginalized women that see higher instances of violence than the majority. "Statistics say Aboriginal women are five times more likely to be murdered than their non-aboriginal sisters," said Frances Daly, manager of Minwaashin Lodge's shelter for women and children.

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U of O hockey team

Sexual assault investigation brings in Thunder Bay police

Thunder Bay police were in Ottawa on Wednesday to investigate an alleged sexual assault concerning members of the University of Ottawa men's hockey team.

Police are interviewing members of the team, and others, about the incident that allegedly occurred in Thunder Bay on the weekend of Feb. 1.

Ottawa police are assisting in the investigation.

There are allegedly two victims, but one complaint was reported by a third-party member on Feb. 25.

According to the Thunder Bay police website, investigators are also following up with an alleged adult female victim.

Search is on

Help sought in finding robbery suspects

Ottawa police are asking for help in finding suspects linked to a recent home robbery.

Three men broke into an apartment in the 200 block of Donald Street. on Feb. 11 at about 4:30 a.m. Armed with knives, they bound the 57-year-old male occupant with tape and assaulted him before fleeing the scene with prescription drugs and cash, police said.

The victim eventually broke free and phoned police. Police believe this was not a random act. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

OC Transpo drivers may face new rules

Bus crash fallout. Updated speed limits and railway crossing regulations en route for OC Transpo

LUCY SCHOLEY

Bus drivers could face new railway crossing rules and speed limits on the Transitway after the body that's investigating the fatal OC Transpo crash sent out safety recommendations to the city.

In a memo addressed to Mayor Jim Watson, council and the transit commission, deputy city manager of city operations Steve Kanellakos said Ottawa is working with OC Transpo and Via Rail to address safety issues.

According to the memo, the following changes are underway:

- A comprehensive review of speed limits on the Transitway from the Nepean Sportsplex to the Fallowfield Station, with OC Transpo special constables enforcing the limits.
- An amendment to the bylaw governing the operations of vehicles on the Transitway, which could prohibit vehicles from driving through railway crossings when warning signals are on.
- An engineering review of installing an amber early warning signal for the southbound Transitway traffic (the city already installed)



the same light for the north-bound route).

Employment and Social Development Canada also said OC Transpo "had not sufficiently identified and assessed the workplace health and safety-related hazards at railway crossings where operators are required to work," according to the memo.

The city has hired engineering consultant firm MMM Group to assess "ergonomic considerations" for transit operations at railway crossings.

This memo follows two

letters the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, which is investigating the crash, sent the city on Feb. 25 with safety recommendations.

An OC Transpo bus collided with a Via Rail train near the Fallowfield station on Sept. 18, 2013. It killed six people and injured dozens.

Since that collision, there have been reports of malfunctioning signal lights at the same station. Workers were called in to repair the controller after the warning lights lit up early Tuesday morning. Police monitored

the area until the afternoon, but were called in again at 9 p.m. on the same day when the lights malfunctioned again.

The cause of the tragic collision is still unknown.

The Transitway will be closed between Fallowfield Road and Woodroffe Avenue on Wednesday between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. The city sent out a press release stating it was for "routine maintenance work."

All bus routes will still operate, with a detour in this area. Commuters can expect minimal delays.



Sens 50/50 draw goes digital

Fundraising. No more fumbling with armslength of tickets

The days of gripping a long strip of 50/50 tickets at a hockey game are over, but the Sens Foundation has high hopes new technology will increase the payout for winners and local charities alike.

Ottawa Senators mascot Spartacat joined Liberal MPPs Yasir Naqvi and Bob Chiarelli along with president of the Sens Foundation Danielle Robinson and others to make the announcement at the Canadian Tire Centre Wednesday.

Robinson says fans at the game will be able to see the total money raised in real time.

"They will always know what the jackpot is," she said.

"This way there is much more transparency and accountability."

But she is quick to add there was no fear of sticky fingers with the old system.

"No, no, no, gosh nothing like that," she added. "In a paper-ticket system there's just more room for human error, if

you think about having to take a strip of seven tickets down to a room and make sure those all get into a lottery bin. We have processes in place to make sure that gets done, but this way it is all automatic. People's hands aren't on the tickets."

Chiarelli says they expect to see a significant increase in money raised.

"The electronic mechanisms have proven to double or triple the amount raised through the 50/50 draw," he said.

"This will make a lot of difference to a lot of people in the city of Ottawa who are touched by Sens Foundation programs."

The Sens Foundation currently supports programs like Sens@School, Play to the Max, Project Step and with Roger's House, the "home away from home for sick children."

Robinson says she is excited by the possibility of more cash coming in.

"We will commit to reaching out to even more organizations in the National Capital Region who are focused on social recreation and education and are promoting both physical and mental wellness."

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Mom who abandoned kids should serve time: Crown

A 26-year-old woman who left her three young kids at home covered in feces while she went to drink and use drugs should serve six to eight months behind bars, a Crown prosecutor argued Wednesday.

The mother, who cannot be named due to a publication ban, pleaded guilty to child abandonment in November after the March 2013 incident. Her kids, aged three, two, and nine months at the time, were

left alone in what police described as "filthy" conditions.

The nine-month-old was found at the top of the stairs crying after a neighbour heard screams coming from the Vanier apartment.

"This is a case that cries out for significant denunciation and deterrence," the Crown, Louise Tansey, told a judge Wednesday.

She reminded the court the woman initially lied when she

returned home after partying, saying she had left her kids in the care of a babysitter. She lied again to Justice Peter Wright in court in January about her cocaine use after failing a drug test.

The Crown is also seeking a probationary period in the range of two to three years.

Tansey told the judge the accused's criminal record is "replete" with breaches, but her lawyer, Jason Gilbert, said

it is "far briefer" than that of a severe addict.

"She is removed a far her

"She is remorseful for her actions," said Gilbert. "She is ashamed and regretful for the impact it has had on her children."

Gilbert asked for a conditional sentence of nine to 12 months that would be served in the community, which would include 90 days of "intermittent" jail time.

Wright is scheduled to sen-

tence her March 25.

The woman has been in and out of rehab since her six days spent in jail and assured Wright she would continue getting treatment for substance abuse. She currently resides in a shelter for abused women.

When asked if she had anything to say to the court, she said, "I really apologize for everything that happened."

Nadine Letang, an addic-

tions treatment case manager at Amethyst Women's Addiction Centre in Ottawa testified she first met the accused in 2010

"I've seen a great change from (her) since we connected," Letang told the court.

Letang said the accused is scheduled to start a 10-day intensive program at Amethyst next week, which will include therapy and workshops.

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New MS drug now available in Canada

Lemtrada. Relapseremitting multiple sclerosis drug requires minimal treatments

There is a new drug on the market for Canadians who have the most common form of multiple sclerosis. Lemtrada has been approved for use after a University of Ottawa-based team conducted clinical trials over the last four years.

The drug kills white blood cells, which stops them from entering the brain and attacking it. Lemtrada has been given the green light both here and in Europe, but not America. It was previously marketed for leukemia sufferers under the name Campath.

Ottawa MS patient Kelly Lauzon was diagnosed with MS in 2000. For the following decade she had recurring relapses of the disease.

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Lemtrada, a new drug to treat multiple sclerosis. CONTRIBUTED

drug I was relapsing every 12 months," she said.

"For me, I was always affected by my vision. I would basically go blind. This means I can't drive, I was counting steps in my own home."

Lauzon says she has not had a single relapse since being on Lemtrada. She has also noticed an improvement in her ability to sleep through the night.

"After one month of this trial I woke up literally in tears saying to my boyfriend, 'Is this how normal people sleep?' It

had been so long I forgot," she said.

Trials of the drug resulted in one death in the past, but doctors say they are administering it intravenously and that avoids double contact with the liver, which caused problems. Side effects can affect the thyroid along with milder ailments like fevers, rashes and nausea.

Dr. Mark Freedman is a neurologist and professor of medicine with the University of Ottawa. He says the drug is a highly effective therapy that can be injected once a year and then not maintained.

"This treatment can be given as simply once a year treatment, for a couple of years, and that may sustain them for a long time," he explained.

But not everyone is sold. Wakefield resident Sandy Daviau, who also suffers from relapse-remitting MS, says he will stick to cannabis.

"I have been almost symptom free for 14 years," he said.

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Daniel Clarkson (left) and Jeff Turner pose with Quidditch players from the University of Ottawa and Carleton in front of Parliament Hill to promote their show Potted Potter at the NAC, which condenses all seven Harry Potter books into a comedic 70-minute performance. Tonight is your last chance to see the show. Both university teams are heading to the Quidditch World Cup this spring. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

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HACE1. Ottawa researchers discover new protein that protects the heart

Researchers at the Ottawa Heart Institute have discovered a new protein that protects against heart failure.

Well, HACE1 is not exactly new. Researchers have known about its abilities to protect against tumour growth and other metastasized cancer types.

But when Dr. Peter Liu, the scientific director of the University of Ottawa Heart Institute, started looking into the causes of heart failure, he found the protein popped up in the blood of many patients who suffer from diabetes, high blood pressure and other problems that can lead to heart failure.

When the blood-pumping organ is put under stress, it causes a build-up of damaged proteins, which causes its failure. But HACE1 acts as the clean-up

agent for those proteins, thereby protecting the heart.

"It's like an environmental engineer," said Dr. Liu. "You have the garbage protein piling up — if you leave it alone, you're in trouble. So you better have a very efficient system of having it removed and that's what HACE1 is able to do."

Although HACE1 is nature's way of protecting the heart from injury, it does not always develop fast enough, which can cause the weakened pumping function known as heart failure.

Dr. Liu said the discovery of HACE1 is two-pronged: doctors will now be able to tell if someone is on the verge of heart failure, simply by detecting the presence of the protein in a



patient's bloodstream. But also, researchers might be able to find a way to stimulate HACE1 in patients to better protect the heart.

"If we remove this protein, the heart fails much faster," said Dr. Liu. "If we can actually put the protein back, it protects the heart ... from high blood pressure and other types of damages. This opens up a whole new way of us thinking about how the heart loses its function as we get older."

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Dr. Peter Liu, scientific director of the University of Ottawa Heart Institute





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Burlesque with a side of board games?

'Nerdlesque.' Troupe stripping down for Ottawa's geek scene



A striptease does not normally lead to a quiet board game

night

But a burlesque troupe from Toronto will be shaking their tassels on stage and then sitting down over Clue and other classic games in Ottawa on Friday.

Nerd Girl Burlesque apparently has a devoted following in Toronto and will join the capital city's own "nerdlesque" scene for the first time.

"Everything can be spiced up a little bit with burlesque, including board games," said Ottawa performer Jolie Stripes, as she's known on stage.

Her fellow capital city performers Miss Helvetica Bold and Kamie Lyann will be joining the Toronto troupe.

The first half of the night will be a burlesque show, and then the performers will join the audience for beers and games like Cards Against Humanity and Bananagrams.

And, in case you were wondering, the performers will not be playing stripped down, sexy versions of these games; they'll put on their street clothes.

"We thought the tassels would be distracting," said Stripes with a laugh.

Tassels and Tabletop: Boardgames in Bytowne will be at the Clocktower Brew Pub, at 575 Bank St., on March 14 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door.



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So It Goes. Ottawa band Hollerado up for Prism Prize for best video

Ottawa's Hollerado has a chance to add Best Canadian Video to its list of achievements, as the band will go up against artists like Arcade Fire, Keys N Krates and Drake for this year's Prism Prize.

It's the best combination of video and music that exemplifies originality, creativity, style, innovation and effective execution that will win the \$5,000 grand prize on March 22.

"Film and video are such a powerful medium to tell stories," said Louis Calabro, founder and executive director of the Prism Prize. Calabro suggests that music videos are what a band considers to be their visual esthetic.

"It acts as a calling card for a band, but also helps to build a story for them," said Calabro.

Hollerado is up for their video for So It Goes, which tells the story of one of the member's grandfathers who fought in the Dutch Resistance during the Second World War. In the music video, director Marc Ricciardelli blends history with present day in a story about forgiveness and redemption, set against the background of Holland's battle sites.

Other names in this year's short list include Young Galaxy, Majical Cloudz, Jessy Lanza, Shad and the Belle Game. Arcade Fire is nominated for two different videos — Afterlife and Reflektor.

"I credit the success of the first year to the jury," added Calabro. The music videos are chosen and voted on by a jury of over a hundred professionals in the music and film industry. Judges range from filmmakers and broadcasters to film festival curators and music program hosts.

"They are looking for something that inspires them or makes them see something different about music videos," said Calabro.

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Top editor at Russian online news site axed

Galina Timchenko.

Fired by the site's billionaire owner after official complaints over Ukraine coverage

The owner of a leading independent Russian news website has fired its chief editor following official complaints over the outlet's coverage of Ukraine.

Lenta.ru says Alexander Mamut, who also owns several other media outlets, dismissed Galina Timchenko on Wednesday. She will be replaced by the former editor of a staunchly pro-Kremlin website. The Lenta. ru editorial team said in a statement that Timchenko's

Extremist material"

The website had received a warning from a state communications regulator over an interview with radical Ukrainian nationalist Andriy Tarasenko, who had engaged in anti-government protests. The regulator said the website breached a law banning dissemination of extremist material.

removal marked a further decline in media freedom. "The firing of an independent chief editor and the appointment of a malleable person — this is a violation of the law on mass media, which rules out any censorship," said a statement by workers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Marching for Berkin Elvan

A demonstrator strikes a defiant pose in Istanbul, Turkey, Wednesday as riot police use water cannons and teargas to disperse thousands of people marching for Berkin Elvan, a Turkish teenager who died after remaining in a coma since being hit in the head by a tear gas canister fired during summer protests in Turkey. EMRAH GUREL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harsh snowstorm hits Kashmir

Unusually heavy snowfall has unleashed avalanches and collapsed homes in the Himalayan region of Kashmir, killing at least 14 people on both sides of the de-facto border between India and Pakistan, officials said.

Ten died in the Indiancontrolled portion of the territory, police said, while Pakistan's military reported

another four dead in an avalanche on that side of the

On the Indian side, dozens were evacuated from highrisk areas Wednesday, after avalanches killed two Indian army soldiers camped in the Kargil region and another three Nepalese labourers working near the heavily militarized Line of Control.

Another five people were killed when dozens of homes crumpled under the weight of snow in the southern Kulgam and Shopian areas on the Indian-controlled side, police officer Imtiyaz Hussain said. Pakistan's military said an avalanche killed four soldiers late Tuesday near the northern district of Astore.

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Canada looks to copy Aussie domestic brand

Made in Canada.

A committee will be struck to make recommendations about branding for Canada

From those ubiquitous UGG boots to kayaks and cherries, a little green logo featuring a kangaroo has told Australian consumers what's been made or grown by their country for nearly 30 years.

Now the Canadian government is looking to the Australian Made campaign as a model for a domestic branding exercise here. This year's federal budget prom-

'Australian Made'

"By and large our standards are high, our healthy, clean, green environment is very desirable, particularly into Asia."

Australian Made CEO Ian Harrison

ised a private-sector steering committee would be struck to make recommendations about a formal Made in Canada system.

The committee is expected to number around six people, composed of marketing experts and figures from various major industries, says a government source. Although the government is kick-starting the idea, the source said the campaign would ultimately be funded within the private sector.

The Competition Bureau already oversees country-of-origin rules that prohibit Canadian manufacturers or producers from making false claims about their products. An item that claims to be "Made in Canada" must have had its last transformation in Canada, and 51 per cent of the production costs incurred here. A "Product of Canada" means 98 per cent of the costs of producing the good happened in Canada.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty recently travelled to Australia to talk to the people running their branding campaign. THE CANADIAN PRESS



One more wallop of snow to make us happy

A woman shields herself from blowing snow on Clifton Hill in Niagara Falls, Ont. during a snow storm Wednesday. Police were reporting numerous collisions as much of southern Ontario endured a wintry wallop. Environment Canada says the snow is the result of a low pressure system from Indiana tracking south of the Lower Great Lakes. AARON EXPRETATION CANADIAN PRESS

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Jules Verne? From deep underground, a Brazilian diamond tells us a story

Jules Verne was on to something.

In his classic 1864 adventure story Journey to the Centre of the Earth, the French novelist imagined a vast ocean deep within the planet's bowels. University of Alberta scientists have found the first direct evidence that he wasn't far off

"The original idea is a Jules Verne idea, isn't it?" laughs geologist Graham Pearson. "One hundred years later it turns out to be pretty much true — except you can't really stand around and see the water."

In a paper published in the journal Nature, Pearson and his co-authors describe how a Brazilian diamond originating at least 400 kilometres down has yielded the only surface sample ever found of a deep-Earth mineral and provides the first concrete proof for a long-held theory about how the planet works.

"We found it by accident," Pearson says. "It was really a bit of blue-sky research."

Pearson's lab studies diamonds. One of its scientists was trying to date a stone from a region of Brazil where

Rinawoodite

Researchers have long suggested that minerals such as ringwoodite have the ability to store water molecules locked within their crystal structure. Pearson and his colleagues, for the first time ever, had a chance to look inside an actual sample.

 Sure enough, their tiny chip of ringwoodite was about one per cent water by weight.

the gems are known to have originated in a so-called transition zone between the Earth's upper and lower mantle, between 400 and 600 kilometres deep.

The researcher found a mineral inside the diamond, but couldn't identify it. He was about to move on when one of his colleagues walked in and realized it was ringwoodite.

"That was a eureka moment."

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THE CANADIAN PRESS

Web's creator

Bill of rights sought for Web

The British inventor of the World Wide Web wants a digital bill of rights to protect Internet users from surveillance. Speaking on the 25th anniversary of his creation, Tim Berners-Lee says he hopes to spark a global conversation about the need to defend principles that have made the Web successful.

He told the Guardian newspaper that the Web was under increasing attack by governments and corporate interests. He said the system needed an online Magna Carta, or foundation of rules, to protect its openness and neutrality.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Guardian vs. the Prince

Paper wins battle on Charles letters

Britain's Guardian won a court battle Wednesday in its efforts to disclose letters by Prince Charles — a decision the newspaper argues could shed light on whether he meddled in politics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Deadly explosion levels two

Hell up in Harlem.

At least three dead, many others injured after gas leak triggers massive blast

Three people have died after a gas leak caused an explosion Wednesday morning, collapsing two Manhattan buildings, officials said. At least 27 people — including three children — were injured and at least nine individuals are still missing.

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration confirmed late Wednesday that officials are still treating two serious, life-threatening injuries and five serious but non-life-threatening injuries. Twenty others suffered minor injuries.

Two of the three deaths are confirmed to be women. Doctors at Mt. Sinai Hospital confirmed that they treated three children from the incident.

De Blasio arrived at the scene in the early afternoon

Quoted

"I thought it was a bomb. It sounded like a bomb. I immediately thought of 9/11. We just saw people running, running, running. It was just a scene from 9/11."

Sandra Suro, who lives nearby on 115th Street and Madison Avenue

and thanked the first responders, describing it as an incredibly fast response while cautioning that the situation was still developing.

"This is a tragedy of the

"This is a tragedy of the worst kind because we had no indication so that we could save people," de Blasio said. He declined to give any numbers of how many are missing, but said police had a list of people they are tracking down.

"Suffice it to say that every effort is being expended to locate every one of these individuals," de Blasio said.

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Nearby residents react

'It blew me out of my bed'

Nearby residents were literally shaken up by the explosion and building collapse that rocked Harlem Wednesday morning, and they described the scene to Metro.

"It blew me out of my bed," said Jay Virgo, 30, who lives in a building across the street. Virgo said she saw four or five people lying on the ground outside looking "lifeless."

Joseph Thomas said, "It took out the windows and there was stuff flying around in the air. It shook the whole building like a bomb."

Reinaldo Rosario, 48, was waiting to hear about his girlfriend's brother, who lived in the building that collapsed.

"I'm shaking," he said.



A member of the NYPD gestures as emergency personnel respond ANDREW BURTON/GETTY IMAGES

"(The explosion) was loud. I thought it was our building because the building shook.

Even Molley Mills, 45, said she looked outside and saw smoke billowing in the air.

"The helicopters turned up and sirens were going everywhere — it was just crazy," she said. Andrea Park/METRO WORLD NEWS IN NEW YORK





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New York buildings



Hitting home

New Yorkers hear echoes of Sept. 11 in Harlem blast



JESSICA SMITH CROSS

Since a pair of apartment buildings exploded in East Harlem Wednesday morning, everyone Metro New York reporter Anna Sanders has talked to has said it's brought up a lot of their fears related to Sept. 11, 2001.

Sanders said the explosion wasn't related to terrorism, but before people knew that, there was chaos in the area. "People were running, crying," she said. "There was smoke everywhere and no one knew what was happening."

"As you can imagine, any time this happens in New York City, people think back to 9/11," she said. "At least two people's lives were lost and that's tragic in and of itself. This isn't the scale of 9/11, but it obviously hits home in the city because of Sept. 11."

Sanders arrived at the site about an hour-and-a-half after the explosion on Wednesday morning, after making calls to find out what had happened.

"I was about a block away," she said. "I saw a lot of smoke. It was very chaotic. There were a lot of first responders trying to battle the fire still."

Sanders described the neighbourhood where the buildings exploded — East Harlem, or Spanish Harlem — as a nice place where local residents tend to have ties to the community.

Flight MH370. Satellite images show suspected debris from missing plane

Satellite images on a Chinese government website show suspected debris from the missing Malaysia Airlines jetliner floating off the southern tip of Vietnam, China's Xinhua News Agency reported Wednesday.

The revelation could provide searchers with a focus that has eluded them since the plane disappeared with 239 people aboard early Saturday.

The report said the images from around 11 a.m. on Sunday appear to show "three suspected floating objects" of varying sizes, the largest about 24 metres by 22 metres.

The report includes co-ordinates of a location in the sea off the southern tip of Vietnam. The images originally were posted on a national defence technology website.

The search for the plane, which left Kuala Lumpur for Beijing before disappearing early Saturday, has encompassed 92,600 square kilometres of Southeast Asia and on Wednesday expanded toward India.

It was also revealed Wednes-



The Indonesian National Search and Rescue Agency performs a search for the missing Malaysia Airlines plane off Sumatra Island on Wednesday.

day that the last message from the cockpit of the missing flight was routine: "All right, good night" was the signoff transmitted to air traffic controllers five days ago.

Then the Boeing 777 vanished as it cruised over the South China Sea toward Vietnam, and nothing has been seen or heard of the jetliner since. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



At home, legacy goes both ways

Some people searched their soldiers on duty in Afghanistan time," said John Manley, the souls while politicians offered glowing tributes and flags flew

Meanwhile, one survey suggested that 42 per cent of Canadians were oblivious to the fact their soldiers were still working in a war-scarred land.

There was much ambivalence and some outright avoidance in Canada on Wednesday as the last 100 Canadian Forces and some things take a long Canada taking part in peace-

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saw their mission formally come to an end.

Decima poll released Wednesday showed two-thirds said it was too soon to call the decadeplus military involvement a success or failure.

"I'm reminded how impatient we all are. We're always keen to change the channel,

former Liberal cabinet minister who chaired the Conservative-The Canadian Press Harris/ led panel on the way forward in Afghanistan at the height of the

> "Taking on the renovation of a country like Afghanistan, that's about as long term a project as you could find."

Canadian bloodshed in 2008.

The poll also found that in the future, 74 per cent favoured to forget," he said.

"military engagement."

Fen Hampson, director of global security at Waterloo, Ont.'s, Centre for International Governance Innovation, said polls like Wednesday's and similar ones in the U.S. reflect the public's fatigue on Afghanistan.

"The poll seems to suggest it's the mission Canadians want



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12 years a

its way down the pole Wednesday at NATO headquarters in Kabul, Master Cpl. Jordan Taylor didn't necessarily see the red and white Maple Leaf.

The faces of friends who didn't come home were before his eyes.

Taylor is a fresh-faced kid from Regina, and anyone looking at him would hardly be able to guess he's a veteran of a unit that saw some of the fiercest fighting during the five-year combat mission in

"I've had some good friends who've lost their lives here," said Taylor, who helped haul down the flag on Canada's longest-ever military mission.

"I see their faces all the time; always remember them. So, that's what I was reflecting on," said Taylor, who helped haul down the flag on Canada's longest-ever military

The wounds this country has inflicted were on quiet, subtle display at the understated ceremony before the headquarters building.

Sprinkled through a crowd of three dozen Canadians who stood at attention were troops who'd returned to Afghanistan three, four, even five times in

the dozen of years the army has been involved in trying to stabilize the fractured nation.

The finality of what took place was only underscored as the last handful of training troops, kitted out in full combat gear, trudged through a soccer field adjacent to the headquarters to board American helicopters for a trip to a holding camp before boarding flights out of the country.

The last pair of Canadian boots to step off the grounds of the headquarters and on to the ramp belonged to Col. Ivy Miezitis, who, according to officers watching the departure, seemed to dawdle in hopes of snagging the historical foot-

ceremony, dignitaries — Canadian and allied alike praised the country's involvement and sacrifices.

The war cost the lives of 158 soldiers, one diplomat, one journalist and two civilian contractors.

"We can wish that the families of the fallen do not lament their fate, but we know that this is not the case. The small comfort comes from the knowledge that the sacrifices of lost loved ones

mission

they made a difference, and that their grief is shared by a grateful nation," said Canada's ambassador to Afghanistan, Deborah Lyons.

Canadian commandos hunting al-Qaida, were the first troops to hit the ground in late 2001 and they were followed by as many as 40,000 more rotating through different campaigns, including the five-year combat mission in Kandahar

British Lt.-Gen. John Lorimer, the deputy commander of NATO in Afghanistan, said the Canadians "repeatedly proved their courage and capability" alongside coalition and Afghan troops, especially in Kandahar "where you not only fought hard, but you fought smart."

Calling it the end of a significant era, Lorimer said he viewed the departure of the Canadians with "mixed emotions" given the shared experiences of the last 12 years. "I am sad to see you return home, yet grateful for opportunity to have served alongside such great Canadian lead-

ers along the way," he said. The country's top military commander, Gen. Tom Lawson, spoke about how the government will rally around

its veterans now that they're

"We will gather around and continue to support those who suffer from wounds both seen and unseen," Lawson said in a reference to the suicide crisis that has gripped the military since last fall.

The Defence Department has acknowledged that as many as 10 soldiers - possibly more — have taken their own lives since November.

Officials have also faced repeated questions about promises to hire more military mental health staff, to deal with an expected wave of post traumatic stress cases, have gone unfulfilled.

The last Canadian commander, Maj.-Gen. Dean Milner, said the mission taking place over the last three years has been invaluable preparation for the Afghan army, but the progress made is not irreversible and the West needs to continue nurturing both military and civilian institu-

Ambassador Lyons said Canada will remain engaged in Afghanistan and the focus will be on helping build the ruined nation's economy, particularly in the resource sector. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Idaho hockey fans

Beer cups prompt suit against arena

A handful of Idaho hockey fans sued a Boise arena on Tuesday, saying they were duped into thinking a \$7 beer contains more brew han a \$4 beer.

The lawsuit says CenturyLink Arena, home of the Idaho Steelheads hockey team, defrauded customers by charging \$3 more for a

tall, narrow cup advertised as a "large" that actually holds the same amount of beer as the shorter, wider

cup described as a "small." Arena spokesman Mike Campbell said he hadn't yet seen the lawsuit and can't comment. Four fans filed the suit

Tuesday in Boise's 4th Dis-

trict Court against Block 22

LLC, which does business as

CenturyLink Arena.

Wednesday.

Quebec inquiry

Investigator: Mafia took profit cuts from developers

The Mafia usually didn't invest a dime in construction and real-estate deals, but they still walked away with a profit when the projects were finished, Quebec's corruption inquiry heard

The Charbonneau Com-

mission is tackling the reach and role of the Mob in major real-estate deals and the influential role played by late Mafia boss Vito Rizzuto in at

least one such project. Investigator Eric Vecchio said Rizzuto and other mobsters were never frontline players with a financial stake. Instead, they acted as consultants and deal-brokers while they picked up a piece of the profits.

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Independent Quebec will keep using loonie: Marois



Currency discussion hypothetical for now. Recent polls suggest support for sovereignty in the province barely reaches 40 per cent

independent Quebec would keep using the Canadian dollar and ask for a seat at the Bank of Canada, Parti Québécois Leader Pauline Marois said Wednesday.

Marois told reporters at a campaign stop that Canada would benefit from having a sovereign Quebec maintain its ties to the loonie and the central bank.

However, the leader of the province's independence movement acknowledged there would be no guarantees on how much influence a Quebec country would have with the Bank of Canada.

"We could wish to have a

seat at the Bank of Canada, but we accept the fact it is the bank's monetary policy that would apply," Marois said as she campaigned for the April 7 election.

Marois's remarks reiterated the PQ's long-held position that Quebec would continue to use the Canadian currency if it secedes. She pointed out that European countries share the euro even though they are independent.

Marois tried to make the case for an independent Quebec to remain on the central bank's governing council, arguing it would benefit Canada because her province has a large economy.

"We have an economy that is a rich one," said Marois.

"We have a lot of consumers. We have a lot of business organizations on our territory and I think it is important to have a place at this level (the Bank of Canada). But if it is not the case, we will see." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto's mayoral race. Olivia Chow resigns as MP in bid to unseat Ford

Olivia Chow resigned her seat in Parliament Wednesday to launch her bid to replace Rob Ford as mayor of the country's largest city, filing her nomination papers hours after her resignation.

She is expected to hold her campaign kickoff Thursday in the inner city neighbourhood of St. James Town, where she grew up. Her campaign is expected to stress her personal story, growing up in Toronto as the daughter of struggling immigrant parents.

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Triple fun for Saskatoon parents

The odds say there's about a million-to-one chance of it happening. Teri-Lynn and Andrew Pocha of Saskatoon have become the shocked but proud parents of identical triplet girls.

Aubrey, Madeline and Sophie came into the world Monday at Saskatoon's Royal **University** Hospital. All are around four pounds.

The babies have blue eyes and light-brown hair, and the parents say they will paint their toenails different colours to tell them apart. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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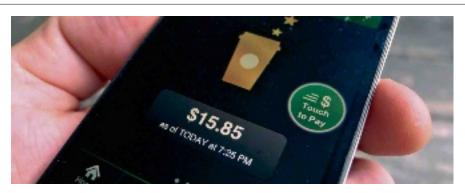
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Goodbye tip jar, hello tip app

A Starbucks payment app is shown on a smartphone. The coffee chain will soon let customers leave tips with its mobile-payment app. The mobile tipping option will be available on its updated app for iPhones starting March 19. The rollout comes as the company's app has surged in popularity, with roughly one out of every 10 purchases now made with a mobile device. After paying with the app, Starbucks says customers will be able to leave a tip of 50 cents US, \$1 US or \$2 US any time within two hours of the transaction. The tipping option will only be available at the 7,000 of the roughly 11,000 Starbucks locations in the U.S. that are owned by the company. GRAEME ROY/THE CANADIAN PRESS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Housing market not overheated?

Report. Economist goes against the grain, claiming current house prices are fairly valued, or even undervalued

A new report into Canada's hot housing market is trying to calm fears of a coming collapse in prices, saying the biggest threat to home valuations may be government meddling with mortgage rules.

The paper by economist Will Dunning, who runs a real-estate market research firm in Toronto, says Canadians have been mostly pru-

Begs to differ

- The Bank of Canada and our government have warned about an overheated housing market for several years, arguing that once interest rates start rising, the roof will cave in for some home buyers.
- The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development has also pointed to Canada as having the world's most overvalued housing market.

dent investors in housing and that the market can absorb either higher prices or a one per cent hike in interest rates.

Rather than being overvalued, house prices in Canada are fairly valued and may even be undervalued, he says.

The paper was released Wednesday on the same day the Teranet-National Bank composite price index rose to a new all-time high, showing home prices in Canada increased 0.3 per cent in February. Last year, the OECD declared Canada's housing market the "most over-valued" in the world after noting that the price-to-rent ratio which compares the total cost of ownership against renting a similar property — had ballooned to 88 per cent above the historic average.

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Is Herbalife a pyramid scheme? The FTC in the U.S. is looking to find out

Hedge fund manager Bill Ackman has won a round in his 15-month fight against supplements and weight-loss products maker Herbalife. The direct seller's shares tumbled Wednesday after Herbalife revealed that it is being investigated by the Federal Trade Commission for possible "deceptive practices."

Since 2012 Ackman has spent millions waging a public campaign against Herbalife and building up an army of lobbyists, community organizers and members



of Congress to push regulators to investigate what he calls a "pyramid scheme." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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What does it mean to be a bachelor?

I've always considered myself a bachelor, from the tip of my cowlick to the bottom of my mismatched socks. Yet I've had a girlfriend for months now.

Must I turn in my bachelor's card? Am I something else now?

I refuse to believe that. To me, bachelorhood is so much more than whether I'm dating. What would that mean for my lack of cooking, my avoidance of cleaning my apartment, my inability to plan?

I'm not just the person I date; I'm all the things I don't do, too.

Being a bachelor is a state of mind. Some might argue that state of mind is "lazy jackass,"

but you can be a very nice bachelor, no matter what TV's The Bachelor might teach us.

It's about being comfortable with who we are. It's about accepting that we will always screw up the laundry, the date, the meal. Because if we didn't accept it with a grin, we'd go mad.

While ruminating on this definition of bachelor, it occurred to me that there are many bachelorhood terms and slang that

help define the world we live in. I then created a list of definitions so that you might understand me and my people.

Earning Your Bachelor's Degree: A Bachelorhood

Bache-lor: Superhero known for his Blu-ray vision, imperviousness to mould, and ability to read entire Calvin and Hobbes collections during a single toilet sitting.

Bachelor-hood: A community within a city that has curbside garbage comprised of at least 90 per cent pizza boxes.

Bachelor party:

1) Four or more bachelors on one couch playing Xbox.

2) A party for an engaged man whose friends attempt to show him the worst, most abusive time possible, often in preparation for what his marriage will be like.

Bachelor shower:

1) Applying deodorant or cologne in lieu of a shower. 2) Taking an actual shower for approximately 40 minutes

until the water runs cold and the bathroom is steamier than a Shannon Tweed VHS intro.

Bathroom: Room for building online-dating photo portfolio. Bed-making: Something done once, usually with an Allen

Bedroom: Walk-in hamper.

Carpet: Bache-lor's greatest enemy, absorber of stains and hurler of vicious static electricity.

Confirmed bachelor: Guy you can clearly see is wearing two different socks.

Diet: Only using half the icing on a Toaster Strudel.

Home cooking: Take-out from any restaurant within 500 metres of where you live.

Kitchen: Hallway to garbage can.

Muffin top: The laundry at the top of the hamper that pours out of the top and gets washed repeatedly, as opposed to the Muffin stem of clothes that sits at the bottom of the hamper for all eternity.

Snow (also 'base' or 'wacky dust'): Street slang for Carnation Instant Breakfast Powder Drink Mix.

Spring cleaning: Taking the Slinky into the shower.

And that's my small window into the world of the bachelor, whether he's single or not. Speaking of which: If you see my girlfriend, tell her I've been thinking about her while I work on my

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Getting to the heart of it

John Mazerolle

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Anatomical image scan wins top award

A striking image of a mechanical heart pump inside the patient's chest has been named as the overall winner of the Wellcome Image Awards 2014, a leading competition for medical photography. The picture was captured by Anders Persson, a pioneer in using colour 3D images from scans in clinical practice. metro

Judge's corner

"The juxtaposition of delicate human anatomy with the robust mechanical plumbing parts is dramatic, and the image is rendered so vividly in 3D that it appears to jump out at the viewer."

BBC medical correspondent

DIY it

The Swedish scientist used a new scan type known as dual energy computed tomography (DECT) angiography: A patient is scanned with two sources of X-rays at different energies.





The Internet turned 25 this week, and we can thank its inventions for the existence of certain words we use daily.

goo-gle /ˈgoogəl/

1. search for information about (someone or search engine Google. "I recently googled my 7th grade teacher

Here is a list of the best words the Internet has given humankind.

Avatar

In computing terms, an avatar is a graphical representation of a user's alter ego, usually used in virtual world games or Internet forums.

Trolling

This is Internet slang to describe a person who tries to upset people online, by posting inflammatory or off-topic messages on forums or websites to deliberately provoke other web readers' emotions

Meme

In Internet talk, a meme is something that has been built upon or manipulated that spreads from person to person online. Some memes have gone viral on sites like Reddit, 4Chan and Face-

Hashtag

A hashtag is a word or phrase prefixed with a hash symbol (#). It is often used for social media or microblogging sites like Twitter and Instagram.

@metropicks asked: The web turned 25 March 12. It allows us to binge watch, over share and shop easily. But how has it made our lives more difficult?

@AjokeDare: I always feel like somebody's watching me

@Zaedum: it makes us realise much our everyday lives suck compared to most, #iustsavina #imsoborina

@deefontein: Yes, the paradox of choice at it's finest. IE. Spending hours scrolling Netflix choices & watching o.

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The Barrhaven Music Academy started as a home-based music studio with just two teachers five years ago.

Now, it has expanded to a large commercial space, allowing co-owners Nadia Zaid and Ashley Martyn to hire additional teachers and offer a wider variety of lessons.

The school boasts a roster of over a dozen teachers, all of whom have some sort of formal training.

"We're really big on making sure our teachers are well trained and have the education to back it up, whether it's RCM training with the Royal Conservatory or a music degree or education degree," says Ashley Martyn, adding that it makes parents a lot more comfortable when signing their children up for lessons.

"I think it gives them an added comfort to know that their child's teacher has that training under their belt."

The Barrhaven Music Academy offers both oneon-one private lessons in piano, guitar, voice, bass, percussion, violin and music theory as well as group classes, including the popular youth choir pro-



gram, which offers kids the added benefit of working with other musicians.

"The choir is a way of improving their singing, of course, and their performance, but it's also a way of learning how to interact with other musicians.

If you want to have a career in music, you need to learn how to perform and interact with others and

that's really what we try to focus on with the choir," Martyn explains.

And, she says, the variety of lessons makes her school a convenient choice for families

"We have a lot of families where there are multiple siblings enrolled but they're each taking a different program or course. They have a daughter who wants

to learn the piano and a son who wants to play guitar or drums and the fact that we can accommodate that is great."

Martyn is hoping she and the other teachers at the Barrhaven Music Academy can inspire kids seeking a career in music to explore all possible options — like teaching or being a session player — and not just focus Online

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Six kids later, Angelina Jolie is finally taking up cooking

With six kids at home, it might come as a surprise to learn that Angelina Jolie is only now learning how to cook, but there you go. "Angelina took her first cooking class last year. Her lack of cooking abilities was really getting to her, but she's finding cooking has become a great therapeutic exercise,' a source tells Radar Online. "Angelina gets a kick out of feeding her kids herself and loves the creative side of it, although she admits she's

not quite at that stage where she's confident enough to go 'off recipe' and experiment. But she's working on getting there." So where does a globe-trotting Oscar winner go for cooking lessons? Why, to Munawar Hosain, a member of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, who has reportedly been giving Jolie regular lessons in preparing Indian dishes at his Beverly Hills home. "Angelina absolutely loves the hands-on instruction," the source says.

Chris Pine to face drunk driving charges in NZ

Chris Pine, known for playing Captain Kirk in the Star Trek movies, has been charged with drunken driving in New Zealand. The 33-year-old American is due to make his first court appearance in the case on Monday, court officials said Wednesday. New Zealand Police said in a statement that a 33-year-old American was charged March 1 with driving

with a blood-alcohol level over the legal limit, which in New Zealand is .08 per cent. Police did not name the man, but said he was stopped during a routine early-morning check near the South Island town of Methven. Pine has been in New Zealand filming the movie Z for Zachariah, which is due for release next year.

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A glimpse into Lohan's little black book

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Max George. Heath Ledger. Jamie Dornan. Zac Efron. Justin Timberlake.

All these and more are notches in Lindsay Lohan's bedpost, according to In Touch. Reportedly, Lindsay was hanging out with some friends at the Beverly Hills Hotel on Jan. 30 when she grabbed a pen and started jotting down names — most of whom were very famous and very handsome. "It was her personal conquest list," says a witness. "She was trying to impress her friends with the list and then tossed it aside."

Apparently, in between stints in jail and rehab, Lindsay found plenty of

time for amour. The list, which contains at least 36 names, also includes such celebs as J. Phoenix (Joaquin, is that you?), Lukas Haas, Evan Peters, Wilmer Valderrama, Colin Farrell, James Franco, Adam Levine and Garret Hedlund.

I have my doubts about this. Lindsay has mostly been a mess these last few years; it doesn't seem likely that she could have kept these high-status hookups this quiet for this long. (You don't think she would have drunkenly screamed "I hit that" whenever a Justin Timberlake song came on in the club? Because I would have.)

I hope it's true, though, because first of all you go, girl; second of all, almost half the list is blurred out, which suggests there are even bigger, more scandalous hookups on there that we have yet to learn about.



Done with the diva life? Naomi Campbell wants to be a mom

Naomi Campbell is ready to be a mom, and she doesn't mind going it alone. "I do want to have children, whether I have a man or not. I will have it on my own," the supermodel told designer Diane von Furstenberg during a SiriusXM Radio chat recently. Campbell, who broke up with billionaire Vladimir Doronin nearly a year ago, also revealed she was infertile until very recently. "I was not able to have children up until March," she said. "Now it's in God's hands. I would love to have a family."

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She's got unblurred ambition

You know she wants this. Model and actress Emily Ratajkowski chats about balancing her silver screen acting ambitions with putting money in the bank

RICHARD PECKETT

Metro World News

You'll know Emily Ratajkowski as the bodacious beauty from Robin Thicke's Blurred Lines video. She's all nubile flirtation — no top, nude panties, white sneakers and rouged lips temptingly parted — meets wide-eyed pseudo-innocence, playfully skipping and bouncing to the beat.

We watched, gyrated and leered. It was the music world's Fifty Shades of Grey, dividing opinion over its social acceptability: ban it versus give me more. The polarization of opinion is irrelevant; although we all had something to say on the subject, it brought one girl originally cast as a back-up dancer to the fore.

That said, the line between Ratajkowski's current image as sexpot eye candy is at odds with her "Martin Scorsese" acting ambitions. She intends to blur the boundaries between two incongruous worlds through what she refers to as "balance" between the commercial (read: cash-paying) roles and creative career-progressing endeavors.

She has a clear mission statement, but it's one that could be difficult to implement when you consider that she's a YouTube beauty to the tune of more than 276 million views, and now surely commands considerable buck to boogie. It will depend on the success of her upcoming role in direc-



Hey, hey, hey!

"For every sexy thing, I want to do a fashion thing. For every modeling job, I want to do a serious acting role."

tor David Fincher's Gone Girl as to whether Ratajkowski can escape that lucrative but vapid music video dance sphere.

Initially, the 22-year-old was reluctant to be cast in the video.

"Naked girls dancing around in a music video sounded pretty intense and I didn't want to be pigeonholed as a music video girl after shooting with Maroon 5 in Love Somebody," she says.

The tough and the toples

The model and her family have the final word on the controversial Ratajkowski (pronounced 'rat-a-COW-ski' — the 'j' is silent) phenomenon.

- When asked what her mother, a feminist and English professor, thought of the Blurred Lines video, she replies, "She thinks it's beautiful and important for women to embrace their sexuality."
- Ratajkowski describes the word feminist as "testy", saying, "People connect a lot of strange things to that word. In general, I really love women and I want them to be treated equally." She continues: "I think some people have a problem with a model, who's done nude work, using the word feminist but I have no problems with saying it."

It was the video's director who convinced the young model to accept the job, while Thicke, a married man in his mid-30s, took the brunt of the negative barrage for the video's sexist undertones.

Ratajkowski, the current face of fashion retail site Revolve, is keen to avoid being typecast as a gushing airhead despite appearing in the 2014 Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue.

"I'm definitely not into that swimsuit model vibe. I like the ballet and I like to see female porn films — I'm a little different in that way, I guess," she

The British-born model is aware that her topless cavorting

could strike discord with Hollywood directors. But as she rightly points out on being cast as Ben Affleck's mistress Andie in Gone Girl, due out this October: "When you're working with director David Fincher [The Social Network, 2010, and The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo, 2011] people definitely do take you seriously." She adds: "I'm doing Sports Illustrated but I'm also appearing in the Spanish fashion magazine S Moda. For every sexy thing, I want to do a fashion thing. For every modeling job, I want to do a serious acting role."

Of course, the pigeonholing might well be something that she has to contend with for the meantime. However, it makes sense for her to make the break from being desktop dance star to silver screen sensation in order to certify her as a serious acting talent. "I want to establish myself [in the industry] and there are a few things that'll be announced in the next few months that will balance everything out," she says.

The modeling profession wasn't always receptive to Ratajkowski's plans to break into acting — a dream she's had since childhood.

"I told an agency in New York my goals and they said it was only a select group of girls that have that opportunity," she explains.

The timing of the Fincher film might be fortuitous but it seems doubtful that this is the case of a pretty wallflower seizing her 15 minutes of fame.

For her part, Ratajkowski makes it sound like she's always had a career game plan and it doesn't involve selling out for questionable success. "Throughout my childhood I acted, so it was always something I felt passionate about — I just really didn't want to play the mean girl in high school or the cheerleader," she says.

Trends Report

Wouldn't you love a dress that could slim out your silhouette? Go online to Trends Report to see the Chanel outfit actress Keira Knightley wore at a Paris fashion show this month that had the media buzzing about her ultra slim waist.

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Florals bloom large once again

New hothouse.

Fashion's haute botanicals and flowers spill off the runway and into decor

After years of simple solids and geometric prints, the lowly flower is making a comeback in decor. Floral patterns have been blooming all over fashion runways in recent months, and they are slowly finding their way back into the world of home decorating, too.

It wasn't long ago that any mention of floral upholstery or wallpaper brought back memories of 1980s cabbage roses, flowery Shabby Chic borders stencilled high on bedroom walls, and suburban homes designed to feel like precious cottages swathed in pink and green.

But today's new patterns aren't your grandmother's florals. And they can be a refreshing antidote to the minimalist patterns that have dominated home decorating in recent years.

"It's what we're all craving," says New York-based designer Jon Call, founder of Mr. Call Designs. "It's romance, it's a softness ... and it feels fresh again, because no one has defined it for our generation."

While brands like Laura Ashley delineated the floral look of a generation ago, the new florals have no rules. Which makes them more fun — and more challenging — to use successfully.

Here, Call and two other interior designers — Betsy Burnham of Los Angeles' Burnham Design, and Brian Patrick Flynn, executive producer of HGTV.com's Spring House series — offer advice on working with this fresh crop of floral patterns.

What size?

"Scale is the most important factor in modernizing the look and feel of florals," says Flynn. He suggests avoiding flowers that are depicted at their actual size. Instead, pick patterns where the flowers are bigger — between 50 per cent and 200 per cent larger than life-size.

Call agrees: He's a fan of using vintage prints in "the largest scale you can find," so that the print's eye-popping size contrasts with its traditional style.

But Call and Burnham also think floral prints can look modern if they're printed on scale and colours. Flynn says the trick to using florals in fresh new ways is to choose over-scale botanical fabrics rather than traditional florals with small pattern repeats. SARAH DORIO/BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

a very small scale, especially if they're used on smaller items like throw pillows.

Where to use it?

Floral patterns can work especially well on sleek, modern pieces of furniture, Burnham says. Rather than choosing a floral sofa that's rounded and tufted, use floral upholstery on a simple sofa with straight, clean lines.

And rather than hanging floral draperies in a bedroom or choosing a floral bedspread, use solid colored fabrics in those locations and then upholster the headboard in a bold, oversize floral.

What colours?

A great pattern can look dated if you pick the wrong colour palette, says Flynn. "Florals with mustard yellow and burgundy palettes instantly feel old and stuffy. To make them fresh and fun, look for those with unexpected colour palettes, such as black and violet or springy greens and punchy pinks. The pattern will keep its classic appeal, but with a youthful update."

Burnham says floral pat-

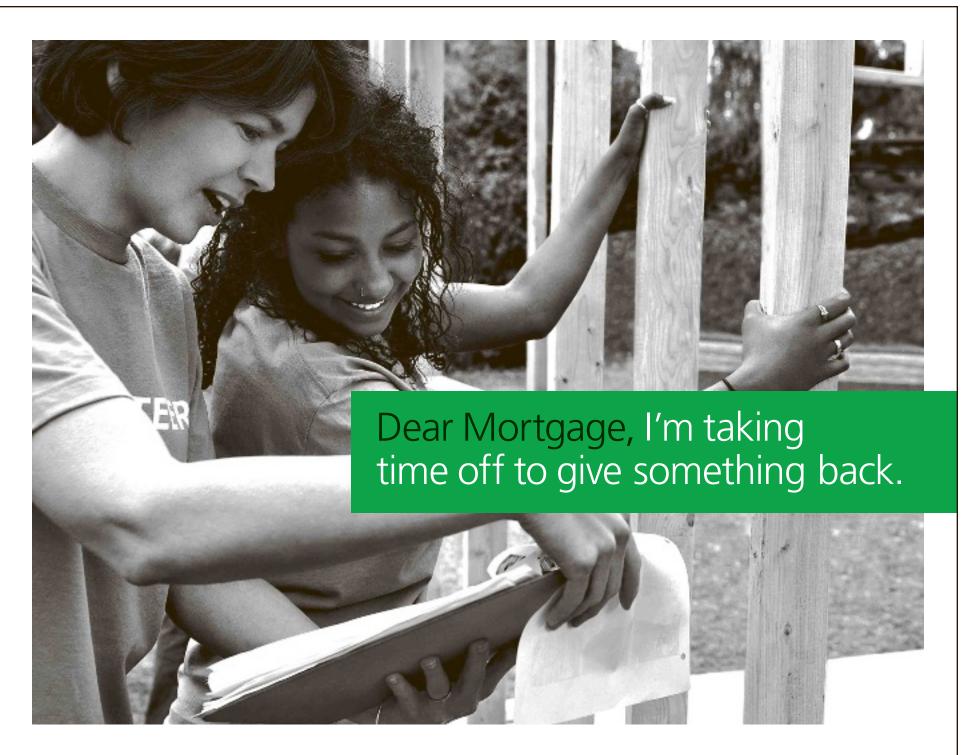
terns done in just two colours (or in two shades of the same colour) can look more modern than florals that include several colours. And "if you go for something on a crisp white background," she says, it "might read more current than something on a tea-dye that's more muted."

Call's thinks just about any colour can work, though he prefers to steer clear of pinks and purples. "It gets too sweet, too endearing," he says. You have to "be careful with the sentimentality," he says, or you'll lose some of the modern edge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Which pattern?

- Find a floral print that really appeals to you personally, Burnham suggests. "Nothing corny, nothing ordinary," she says. You want "something really special."
- You might try "chinoiseries that include figures and florals," Burnham says, "or flora and fauna... That's a way to do it if you're kind of scared of just flowers."
- Another option is choosing a pattern that's more "botanical" than flower-filled.
- "Homeowners with aversions to super-girly florals featuring rosebuds or elaborate petals may find botanicals a better fit," says Flynn. "While floral prints include shapes and silhouettes of actual flowers, botanicals rely more on stems and leaves."
- Call points out that designers like Vivienne Westwood have created digitized, pixilated floral prints that mix traditional and modern style. But, he says, even the most classic chintz fabrics can look great in a modern home if they're handmade and high quality.
- Flynn encourages clients to mix floral patterns with other prints.
- "The floral cottage style of a decade ago was all florals and ribbons," Flynn says. "Anytime I'm dealing with a home occupied by couples arguing over masculine and feminine styles, I'm likely to mix botanicals or florals with classic masculine prints such as gingham, check or plaid."
- That juxtaposition of "classic girly prints with iconic patterns used for men's spaces" creates a modern, genderneutral room.





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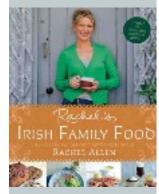
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Rachel Allen is one of Ireland's bestselling cookbook authors. In Rachel's Irish Family Food, she shares 120 authentic recipes.

A healthy mix of traditional and modern Irish cooking, the book also contains stories, history and insights into Irish life from across all the counties of the country.

Among the recipes in this book are: Kinoith Pork Casserole, Irish Stew, Irish Sunday Roast, Sautéed Buttered Cabbage, Pea and Spring Onion Champ, Turkey and Ham Potato Pie, and more. metro

Lamb Chops with Parsley and Mint Sauce. St. Paddy's Day is coming up, so get in the kitchen and try this classic dish

"A parsley and mint sauce is an easy way of adding flavour to lamp chops," writes Rachel Allen in Rachel's Irish Family Food.

"The anchovies give the sauce a wonderful depth that works particularly well with lamb and doesn't taste at all fishy. The mint and parsley bring freshness while the capers give the sauce their own particularly punchy flavour.

"You can make the sauce ahead and it will keep in a jar for up to two weeks in the fridge. Do take it out of the fridge about half an hour or so before serving, to give the flavours a chance to wake up.

"The sauce would also be an excellent accompaniment to grilled steak, roast chicken, or pan-fried mack-

1. To make the sauce, combine the herbs, capers, anchovies, olive oil and 2 tablespoons of the lemon juice in a food processor. Whiz for a minute, then add salt and pepper or more lemon juice to taste. If you don't have a food processor you can chop everything finely by hand and mix

2. Place a frying pan or griddle pan over high heat. While it is heating, drizzle the lamp chops with the olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Place in the hot pan and cook for 2-4 minutes on each side, until just pink in the centre. Serve immediately with a drizzling of the sauce.

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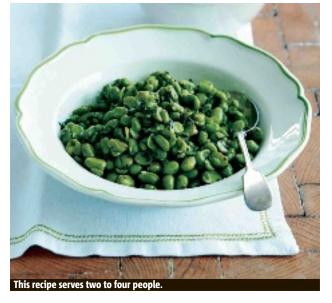
Ingredients

- 8-12 lamb loin chops
- 4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil • Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Parsley and Mint Sauce

- Handful of mint leaves
- 2 handfuls of parsley leaves
- 2 tbsp capers, drained and rinsed
- 8 tinned anchovies
- 6 tbsp extra virgin olive oil • 2-4 tbsp freshly squeezed
- lemon juice
- Salt and freshly ground black





Side. Minted fava beans

"The mint here brings its fresh taste, which goes great with the beans, although you can just as easily serve them with parsley or no herbs at all," writes Rachel Allen in Rachel's Irish Family Food.

1. Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil with 1 teaspoon of salt. Add the beans, bring back to a boil and cook for 2-3 minutes if fresh, or 5-6 minutes if frozen. Drain well. Once cool enough to handle, pop the beans out of their

 $oldsymbol{2}.$ Melt the butter in a small saucepan over medium heat.

When the butter is frothing, add the beans and toss for 30-60 seconds to warm through. Add the mint, tossing it with the beans, and season well with salt and pepper. Spoon into a bowl and serve immediately.

- Salt and freshly ground black
- 18 oz (500 g) podded fresh or frozen fava beans
- 2 tbsp (25 a) butter
- 4 tbsp (50 g) coarsely chopped

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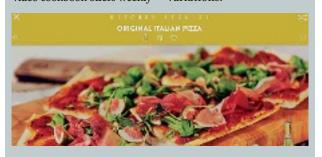
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updates and includes a no-bake lasagna, halibut in thyme milk, and crostini



Go green with versatile cabbage

Potato and cabbage dishes are traditional to Irish cuisine and this Potato Cabbage Bake is a delicious variation. It's great served with corned beef, sausages or ham.

- **1.** In a large saucepan, boil cabbage for 2 minutes. Drain well. Place in a large bowl. Blot with paper towel.
- **2.** In a large skillet, fry bacon until crisp. Remove with slotted spoon and toss with cabbage. Add onion to bacon drippings; cook for 5 minutes or until softened. Remove from heat and stir in potatoes.
- **3.** In a 23-cm (9-inch) square baking pan, layer one-third of the potatoes; season with salt and pepper. Add 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the cheese and

- 1 l (4 cups) finely sliced Savoy cabbage
- 6 slices bacon, cut into 1-cm (1/2-inch) pieces
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 kg (2 lb) Yukon Gold potatoes, halved and thinly sliced
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 425 (1 3/4 cups) shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh

half the cabbage mixture. Repeat layers once. Top with remaining potatoes.

4. Cover with foil. Bake in a 200 C (400 F) oven for about 40 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Remove

foil; top with remaining 175 ml (3/4 cup) cheese. Return to oven for 5 more minutes. Sprinkle with parsley just before serving.

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Dinner. St. Paddy's Soup



- **1.** In a large saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add potatoes, onions, cabbage, mushrooms, marjoram, salt and pepper; cook for 7 minutes, stirring often. Stir in garlic; cook for 1 minute.
- **2.** Stir in stock and bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer, partially covered, for about 10 minutes or until potatoes and cabbage are tender. Stir in parsley; simmer, uncovered, for 1 minute.
- **3.** Puree in batches and pour into a clean saucepan. (Soup can be prepared to this point, cooled, covered and refrigerated for up to 1 day. Taste and adjust seasoning; reheat.)
- **4.** Serve in warm soup bowls, garnishing each serving with a dollop of creme fraîche and

sprig of parsley. THE CANADIAN PRESS/FOODLAND

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) butter • 5 potatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 onions, chopped
- 750 ml (3 cups) shredded Savoy cabbage (preferably greenest part)
- 250 ml (1 cup) mushrooms,
- 5 ml (1 tsp) dried marjoram
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1.75 l (7 cups) chicken stock • 250 ml (1 cup) chopped fresh
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) creme fraîche or sour cream
- Parsley sprigs or snipped



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Downed but never out of it



Cross-country skiing.

McKeever recovers from a fall to win his second gold medal of the Paralympics

Two hundred metres into the race, Brian McKeever was suddenly on his backside and it appeared his ninth career Paralympic gold medal was slipping away.

But he wasn't letting it go without a fight and the Canmore, Alta., cross-country skier, led by guide Graham Nishikawa of Whitehorse, caught up to the pack to win the men's visually impaired sprint at the Sochi Paralympics on Wednesday.

It's McKeever's second gold of the 2014 Games and the 12th medal of his illustrious Paralympic career. The 34-yearold also won gold in the 20-kilometre event on Monday.

The two Canadians easily advanced to the final where a Russian skier stepped on Mc-Keever's pole, causing him to crash around the 200-metre mark of the one-kilometre

Awaiting a silver medal

Meanwhile, alpine sit-skier Kimberly Joines of Rossland, B.C., finished second in the women's slalom, although the results are still unofficial after a German skier appealed her disqualification from the first run. A decision is expected Thursday morning.

But McKeever scrambled to his feet and, with the help of Nishikawa, caught up to the rest of the pack. "It wouldn't be right for me to tell you what I said in my head, but once the cuss words were out, the only thing you can do is get back up and race," said McKeever. "I thought we were clear, but that is normal and it happens in sprinting when you are all fighting and tight. Everyone is going flat out. It is intense and everyone is at their limit. We are just fortunate it happened in the first 200 metres and not at the end

Canada has eight medals (two gold, two silver, four bronze) and sits third in the overall tally. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

so we had time to catch up."

Let's not make a deal



"We weren't going to force a deal and do things we really

didn't believe in just to make a splash."

Blue Jays GM Alex Anthopoulos addressing the lack of moves he has made since the end of last season. Ervin Santana, a pitcher the Jays were reportedly close to signing, was acquired by the Braves on Wednesday.

NHL

Operation bumped up for Peverley

Rich Peverley will not play again this season after the Dallas Stars forward collapsed on the bench during a game Monday.

One of Peverley's doctors said at a news conference Wednesday that the 31-year-old will undergo a procedure that was originally planned for after the season. He was diagnosed with an irregular heartheat in training camp

beat in training camp.
Dr. Robert Dimeff said
Peverley's playing status
beyond this season is
unknown.

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NBA

Lakers shut down Kobe for the rest of the season

Kobe Bryant won't be back on the court for the Los Angeles Lakers this season.

Bryant's broken bone in his left knee still hasn't healed enough for weightbearing exercise.

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Sens looking up in race for final wild-card spot



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Senators GM Bryan Murray's search for a top-six winger to play alongside Jason Spezza finally came to fruition at last week's NHL trade deadline. Murray acquired fleet-footed Ales Hemsky from the Oilers in exchange for a pair of draft picks. However, was the move consummated too late?

The previous night Hemsky

torched the Senators for a pair of goals en route to a 3-2 Edmonton victory, decreasing his new club's opportunity to make the playoffs. The next night, another listless defeat at the Saddledome plunged the struggling Senators into murky waters. Wins in Alberta would have positioned Murray's squad into a virtual tie for a wild-card position. Days later the team finds itself five points out of a post-season spot, needing boatloads of help to gain an invite to the party.

To earn their goal, the



Senators have to leapfrog four teams; including the Flyers, Wings, Devils and Capitals — no tall order. The playoff threshold is usually 92 points. To

make that jump the Senators require 24 in their final 17 games. Coincidentally, their best stretch all season was exactly that. The club reeled off a 10-3-4 record, earning 24 points from Dec. 26 to Feb. 6. Ultimately, even if the Senators pull off this feat, they're

still not guaranteed a playoff position.

If any of the mentioned teams go on an extended roll, all bets are off. The bottom line is to be in the race for the final wild-card spot, the Senators need to gain at least six points on that particular club.

Judging by their play of late, it seems unlikely. Ottawa's record is a paltry 2-3-1 since the Olympic break. What makes this mark look even worse is

that all six games were against current non-playoff squads.

It's not all bad news for Sens fans. Murray's acquisition of Hemsky is paying immediate dividends. The former Hull Olympiques and Spezza found instant chemistry, with each player amassing six points in the past two games. Coach Paul MacLean quipped he was hoping that the "Bunsen burner will stay lit underneath them." The two will have to remain on fire the rest of the way for the Senators to have any success.

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↑ Aries March 21 - April 20

The future is not bleak, no matter what some pessimists say. In fact it is exceedingly bright and you are in the right place at the right time to take advantage of all the good things that will be coming.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

It's OK if you want to shut yourself off from the world and be alone with your thoughts for a while. Others may think you are behaving strangely but only because they are insensitive.

ll Gemini May 22 - June 21

No matter how go-getting and ambitious a Gemini you may be, there are times when even you must slow down and take time to smell the flowers along the way. Like right now.

9 Cancer

June 22 - July 23

If you recently did something wrong then learn from it what you can, then put it behind you and move on. You'll make mistakes tomorrow too, of course, but your successes will far outnumber them.

Ω Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

If you don't want to do something then leave it. Others may moan that you should be making an effort but they're wrong. You should work only on things that interest you.

W Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Today's Sun-Saturn link will encourage you to get serious about career prospects. Map out how you see your ambitions unfolding over the next six months — and who you can rely on for support.

△ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Your sixth sense tells you that something drastic is going to happen. But what some people see as a disaster over the next 24 hours, you will see as a golden opportunity.

M Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Saturn in your sign, linked to the Sun in Pisces, urges you to take life at a slower pace. What you achieve over the next 24 hours or the next 24 years, will not be determined by speed but staying power.

7¹ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Don't waste time lamenting what might have been. Sagittarius is a Fire sign, which among other things means you should always be looking forward to the next adventure.

17 Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may not understand how and why certain events had to happen but you can see there is no point being negative. While others complain today, you will make the most of the changes.

≫ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

There is always an answer, even to the most difficult of questions, so don't lose heart if your existence isn't easy. Despite what some choose to believe life is, was and always will be a garden of delights.

H Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

The Sun in your sign is protecting you from harm and with Saturn on your side as well today it's as if you have some kind of force field around keeping negative ideas, and negative people, at bay. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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- 63. Unaccompanied 64. __ Building (NYC's mecca of '50/'60s
- songwriting) 65. Foul
- 66. Race the engine
- 67. War horse
- 68. "Be _ __!" (Help
- 69. Saskatoon's airport code

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Down

- 1. Banff National Park:
- Glacier 2. Sean Penn movie,
- " (1997) 3. Banana/custard
- 4. Square Dancing call 5. Ages 6. Omitted: 2 wds.
 - 7. Write ___ (Do office work)

tasting fruit [var. sp.]

- 8. Any ____ (To row, perhaps?) _ (Tomor-
- 9. Position 10. 'No jeans' policy:

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- 2 wds
- 11. Moulder
- 12. Nav. designation
- 17. Facials-getting site
- 19. Play the flute
- 21. Preamble
- 25. Actor, Thomas _
- Church 26. Botanical casings
- 28. Overly ornate
- 30. Basketball's Lamar 31. Sink's plumbing
- fitting, _-
- 32. Bay window
- 33. Portage
- Manitoba
- 34. Cream's " Glad"
- 36. Music's __ & Wine
- 39. Carbolic acid 41. 1994 Oasis album:
- 'Definitely_
- 44. Soup ingredient
- 47. Look!
- 49. __ in distress 52. Tropical fruit
- 54. Some film roles,
- 55. 'Affirm' suffix (Giv-
- ing assent)
- 56. Watch brand
- 57. Celine Dion song:
- "I __ All Night"
- 59. Cairo's river
- 60. __ Varner, Lee
- Remick's role in "The Long, Hot Summer"
- (1958)61. TV network
- 62. Food scrap

Yesterday's Crossword

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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